

Gunmen kill one, kidnap 4 in Anambra

NO fewer than four unidentified individuals were kidnapped, and one person killed by gunmen in Anambra State on Saturday night.

The incidents occurred at various locations within the state without any visible security presence.

It was gathered that at Ifite Awka, near the Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK) gate, two people were abducted after gunmen fired shots.

The report also has it that another person was kidnapped in the evening on Agulu-Oraukwu Road.

It was learnt that the most distressing incident took place at night in Oye Market, Nimo, Njikoka local government area, where another individual was taken by the gunmen.

In Enuavomimi village, Enugwu-Ukwu, also in Njikoka, a man identified as Clement Eduzor was killed by the assailants.

Reports also indicated that in each location, the gunmen fired sporadically before abducting their victims.

Residents have criticized the police, accusing them of arriving only after the incidents.

The state police public relations officer, Ikenga Tochukwu, confirmed one of the incidents but did not comment on the others.

In his reaction, Ikenga said through a statement yesterday, July 14, in Awka, that the command was responding to the incident at Ifite-Awka.

He said: "The Commissioner of Police Anambra State, Nnaghe Obono Itam states that efforts are ongoing to arrest the assailants and rescue the victims of the abduction incident on 13/7/2024 captured in a video along Ifite - Amansea road, Awka.

"Meanwhile, the Police responding team recovered the abandoned victim's vehicle, and joint security measures/ personnel positioning are already in place to forestall such related incidents in the state."